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CLAIMS:

CLMS(1)

What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for the exchange of digital information packets, comprising:
- (a) creating a digital information packet wherein the packet includes:
- (i) a series string of data representing desired information;
- (ii) a publisher address, corresponding to the location of a publisher creating said digital information packet;
- (iii) a digital information packet directory entry, corresponding to a publishable address which is used to locate and order said particular digital information packet;
- (b) transmitting said digital information packet directory entry and said publisher address from a modular expandable unit to an exchange over a transmission medium;
- (c) publishing said digital information packet directory entry and said publisher address over the exchange by filing and cataloguing, according to subject matter and type of medium supported, said digital information packet directory entry and said publisher address;
- (d) compiling a list of said digital information packet directory entries and corresponding said publisher addresses;
- (e) making available said list to subscribers with modular expandable units;
- (f) locating a particular desired digital information packet by choosing one of said digital information packet directory entries from said compiled list over said exchange by using another modular expandable unit;
- (g) subscribing to said digital information packet over said exchange by using one of said modular expandable units and providing information to said exchange, including:
- (i) subscriber address where said digital information packet is to be sent;

- (ii) the publisher address where said digital information packet is to be sent from;
  - (iii) the digital information packet directory entry where said digital information packet is stored;
- (h) transferring said digital information packet from said publisher to said subscriber over said transmissions medium;
- (i) concurrent with step (h), buffering said transfer of said digital information packet from said publisher to said subscriber such that said transfer occurs asynchronously.

## CLMS(2)

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of buffering of said transfer of said digital information packet is performed by both said publisher's and said subscriber's modular expandable units.

# CLMS(3)

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said desired information is analog data which is then converted to digital form by an expansion module forming part of the modular expandable unit to provide said series string of data.

### CLMS (4)

4. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of: storing said transferred digital information packet in a static semiconductor memory.

#### CLMS (5)

5. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of: storing said transferred digital information packet on a magnetic medium.

# CLMS(6)

6. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of: playing said transferred digital information packet on a device appropriate to that data type.

## CLMS(7)

7. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of: billing said subscriber for the transfer and price of said transferred digital information packet.

CLMS(8)

8. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of: billing said subscriber by said exchange for the transfer and price of said transferred digital information packet.

CLMS(9)

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of creating said digital information packet occurs at the same time as said step of transferring of said digital information packet,

such that said transfer can be effected for real-time transmission of contemporaneously created data.

CLMS(10)

10. The method of claim 1, wherein data compression techniques are utilized to speed said transfer of said digital information packet.